7. Chairman and Managing Director,
Corporation Bank.
8. Executive Director,
Oriental Bank of Commerce
9. Executive Director,
Allahabad Bank
10. Executive Director,
Andhra Bank
11. Executive Director,
Bank of Baroda
12. Executive Director,
Union Bank of India
13. Executive Director,
Bank of India
14. Executive Director,
Indian Bank

(c) Action has been initiated to fill up these vacancies.

Suggestion of CEC for Holding Assembly Elections under the Supervision of Governors

1030. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Election Commissioner has suggested that henceforth the Assembly elections in the States should be conducted under the supervision of the Governor of the State;

(b) if so, the reasons adduced by the CEC in favour of the suggestion; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) According to the Election Commission of India, the Chief Election Commissioner has on some occasions proposed for public debate, the

idea that, if necessary, by suitable legal changes, an arrangement should be brought out, whereby *once* elections are announced, the State administration should be under the neutral control of the Governor to ensure a level playing field for various political parties.

(c) The Election Commission has not sent any such proposal to the Government in this regard.

Speedy disposal of corporate cases

1031. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pendency of all types of cases including those relating to litigation between two or more corporates is a cause of concern both for Government and the judiciary;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken for the speedy disposal of such cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Pendency of all types of cases *including* those relating to corporate litigation between two or more corporates, is a cause of concern for both the Government and the Judiciary. Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of all cases. These include amendment in the Code of Civil Procedure and the Code of *Criminal* Procedure, increase in the number of posts of Judges/ Judicial Officers and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forums for resolution of disputes.

Steps taken by the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts to expedite disposal of cases include, *inter alia*, more practical categorisation and grouping of cases, non-accumulation of defective matters, setting up of specialised benches etc.